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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the time for responding to the Action mailed on January 14, 2003, be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for three months, so that the extended period for response will end on July 14, 2003.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for this extension of time is \$930.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this and any other fee which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-2955. A triplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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